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U.S. finds 'bugs' in embassy
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House approves tuition tax credit plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Thursday passed tuition tax credits of up to \$250 for college students and \$100 for private and church school pupils. HEW Secretary Joseph Califano called it unconstitutional and vowed that church schools will never get the money.

The House voted 237-158 to pass the bill and send it to a sympathetic Senate. But the 209-194 vote on an amendment to extend the credit for private elementary and secondary schools was more significant. It set the stage for a veto fight with President Carter and a possible church-state confrontation in the Supreme Court.

Sen Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., said, "This is a historic vote. The House of Representatives has overturned the religious bigotry of the 19th century, and I am sure the Senate will now do the same."

Unlike the House, which never had voted on the tax credit issue until Thursday, the Senate has approved tuition tax credits six times in the last decade and is certain to approve or enlarge the House bill.

For college students, the credit would be higher — \$100 in 1978, \$150 in 1979, and \$250 in 1980.

The votes came after months of lobbying, including a massive last-minute fight against the bill by national private education groups and by Califano, who has developed a plan supported by Carter to expand current education grant and loan programs.

Study lists financial disclosures

Myths disproved for House members

NEW YORK — A computerized study of the personal financial disclosures filed in early May by 407 members of the House of Representatives disproves some myths but provides some interesting correlations between the way members handle their private finances and their public responsibilities.

Insight

The New York Times, took into account such factors as political party, tenure in the House, some committee designations, the region represented and whether the constituencies are primarily rural, urban or suburban.



Columns aglow

Globes atop the columns in front of the Boone County Courthouse were lighted Thursday night for the first time in 50 years. Light streaks in the foreground are from a passing automobile.

Former lobbyist testifies

Illegal gifts admitted

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Gulf Oil's former top lobbyist described Thursday illegally paying congressmen \$5 million over 13 years for campaign and personal use, often using President Lyndon Johnson and Senate leaders as conduits.

Wild said his first assignment was to fulfill a Gulf commitment of \$50,000 to Johnson's top aide, Walter Jenkins, to help finance Johnson's 1960 bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Wild said Senate recipients in 1962 included Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn., Herman Talmadge, D-Ga., Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii and some Republicans who "received money from Sen. Bob Kerr, which I had given him for the purpose of delivering the money to them."

Jury finds Sager, 17, guilty of manslaughter

By Thomas Christman
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After more than 12 hours of deliberation, a Boone County Circuit Court jury Thursday found Mark Sager guilty of manslaughter in connection with the Sept. 2, 1977 murder of 14-year-old Julie Wittmeyer. But the jury could not agree on a sentence.

testified that Sager was at home when the Miss Wittmeyer was killed. After the verdict, Paul Allred of the state attorney general's office who assisted Platte County Prosecutor Greg Plumb, said in an emotional plea before sentencing that he "felt sorry for Mark Sager."

Inside today

Making the grade

The University athletic department announced Thursday that Missouri football players posted their highest combined grade-point average ever and that none of the starters lost their eligibility. Details on Page 6A.

Backyard medicine chest

'Tis the season to be harvesting your herbs. A vital part of folk medicine, many believe strongly in the curative powers of these little plants. See Weekend, Page 1B.

In town today

7:30 p.m. Missouri Commission on Human Rights meets, Holiday Inn East, Interstate 70 and Providence Road.
Movie listings on Page 2B.

Doctor's charity ends as money runs out

AURORA, Ill. (UPI) — Eugene Balthazar's dream of a free medical clinic came to an end Thursday.

Since the spry general practitioner opened his clinic in 1972, an average of 100 patients daily have received treatment.

County's jobless rate reaches three-year low

By Mark Leheney
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The Columbia and Boone County seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.3 percent in April, the lowest since April 1975, according to Roy Meadows, an analyst with the Missouri Job Service.

unemployment rate brought about by trade cycles or weather changes. Unemployment in construction, for example, rises sharply during the winter months and an adjusted figure will reflect what the rate would have been during a normal work month.

Employment dropped from 51,740 in March to 51,600 in April. Unemployment claims for a sample week in May have remained stable compared to the same week in May of 1977.

figures would add at most two-tenths of 1 percentage point to the rate. "In Columbia, the unemployment rate rarely goes above 4 percent. Even in the 1975 recession, we didn't exceed 4 percent unemployment. The main reason for that is the number of people who work for the government," Meadows said.

National statistics prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that in the first quarter of 1978, the unemployment rate for government employees was only 3.8 percent compared with 5.5 percent in manufacturing and 11.5 percent in construction.

Missouri cities. On unadjusted bases in April, St. Louis posted a 5.4 percent rate, St. Joseph, 5.2 percent, and Springfield, 4 percent.